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of inming \$113,000 of ad-The question of issuing \$115,000 of ad-tional school bonds must soon be used upon by the council. The board of education has already recommended hat such a loan be made and asked he co-operation of the council to that ad. The proceeds from the sale of he bonds is to be used for additional the bonds is to be used for additional school buildings. These buildings, or additional room, are demanded by the very large and steadily moreasing number of school children in Grand Rapids. If any evidence of the rapid increase of our population was needed to convince any person of its reality, a reference to the yearly school census would be amply sufficient. At the same time the increasing of the city's debt by more than a hundred thousand deliars is a serious matter, and should be carefully considered by citizens as well as those entrusted with the responsibility of issuing the bonds. Dur'ng the past two years the city's debt
has increased very rapidly and practically without opposition from any
quarter. The epinions of a few citizens
are given today, but none condemns the
proposed loan. The members comprising the board of education are pracsibility of issuing the bonds. Durtical business men and there seems to be a general willingness to accept their judgment regarding the necessity and policy of school matters. It is probable that the bonds will be ordered issued by the council without opposition.

THE SCHMIDT BILL

In the Iowa legislature, now in session, the Schmidt hoenee bill is causing a lively and acrimonious debate. The bill provides for local option, and fol-lows in the trend of the laws in force in the adjoining states of Illinois, Missours and Nebraska, and does not materially differ from our Michigan law. Many glaring defects in the bill have been pointed out, and it is believed that not even the senate, which is damo-

cratic, will pass it in its present form.

While the liquor traffic has been prominently before the people of lows for the past ten years and a prohibitory law in force since 1884, at no time has the question ceased to be a disturbing element, nor will it cease so to be until the democrate have captured the state and so changed or modified existing laws as to meet the approval of a majority of the people. The prohibi-tionists, affiliating with the republican party, have put off the evil day, by the cry that the prohibitory law has not had a fair trial; that time would demonstrate its efficiency and all come to regard it as a blessing. That cry can no longer prevail, its lack of efficiency may be seen in almost every town and city on the Missessippi and Missouri rivers, and the blessings so confidently predicted are not glaringly apparent. On the contrary those who had formed the drink habit before probibition, have continued to indulge their appetite. The many subterfuges resorted to every day to evade the law, and the case with which liquor may be obtained in most lowns has brought the law into dis-repute. Knowing this, men who are sound republicans in all else have come to denounce the living lie enacted before their faces every day, and in state politics affiliate with the democratic

The Schmidt bill may not be law, and defective as it is should not. but that such a law will replace the presens prohibitory law in the near future no one familiar with the attuation can doubt. Any prohibitive measure of a sumptuary character is sure to breed opposition. Man is so constituted that restraint is sure to awake within him the desire to break away, and at the first opportunity which presents he belts. Never in the history of this country was the force of this fact made more apparent than with the prohibi-

THE PRIMARY SCHOOL.

The citizens of Grand Rapids doubtless have their faults, but parsimony in educational matters is not one of them. The older generation is content to wade through muddy, ill-paved streets and suffer many other inconveniences and suffer many other inconveniences that are both personal and general, but when they are reminded of the neces-mty for more school houses, or more enty for more school houses, or more teachers for the training of the coming generations, there is no murmur of complaint. The prevailing epinion favors the giving of all persible advantages for the acquirement of a primary education, but does not favor an inordinate enlargement of the high school facilities. There is good, hard some in this idea. It is a crime to turn a young man or woman adrift in the world without what is termed a common whost education. With this in hand, each person has the key that will unlock every doer of learning. Turn which ever very he will, there is Turn which ever way he will, there is a career open before him, and his excfor using that all powerful lever, the righer education, the series as versity owing wide to receive him; if desires to cogage in business or to back in ony profession, there are in-

to him, and he will better vancement is guined by his own per-nal efforts. The bird that learns to reast the gale and cleave with lusty inion the limitless realm of the air is a rander, nobler creature than all the ampered derlings that sing in gilded

BREAK DOWN THE BARRIEUS. The Evangelical Alliance will be preached to three union meetings in inferent parts of the city today. The peaker, Dr. Frank Russell of New York, has the cause very near to his heart, and is very elequent upon the subject. One of the objects of the affi-ance is to break down denominational es among the different sects of the steetast churches. Grand Rapids needs a httle missionery work of this kind done among her good people. It is a well known fact that many church members will not even enter a church building belonging to any other denom-mation than their own. At a recent platform meeting held in one of the nurches at which many of the city store were invited to speak, a well known clergyman of the city refused to go, not, it was said, because of any personal disinclination, but because many of his people objected to his going. It would seem that the alliance would have enough to do to overcome these prejudices without attempting anything else, but its scope is much broader. It proposes to so unite the workings of the churches that every stranger coming into the city will at east be invited to make some church a home. It proposes to become a power-ful adjunct of the Y. M. C. A. in earing for young men who come here strang-ers. Its aim is to increase Christian activity all along the line, and it should meet with the support of every

In one of the liquor cases upon which the supreme court passed, counsel raised an objection to the language of the prosecuting attorney in that he asked the jury to use "common sense."

Just what arguments were used in support are not reported, but no doubt

they would make entertaining reading.
If counsel based his objections on the lack of common sense used by the average juror, and argued that a sensible consideration of the facts was con-trary to custom, he could without much labor have fortified himself behind an almost impregnable barrier.

The supreme court, however, overruled the objection and held that advice of this kind was eminently proper. Evidently the judges have in the course of their experience, stood before juries who displayed such a dearth of common sense that they appreciated the force of the advice.

Just why men who are ordinarily bright enough in the daily transaction of life, should take leave of their senses when in a jury room, is one of to explain; but that they do is patent to every one who has followed evidence submitted to them and then heard the verdict. This is so well known that much adverse criticism of the jury system has been incited, and many leading jurists believe the system should be abolished. Certainly it is farcical to suppose that the average juror is the peer of the litigant, or even of the culprit, and to get men above the ordinary to serve upon a jury is almost impossi-

Toxonnow is the day set spart for the meeting of the national convention of people's party founders, and St. Louis the place. When this convention; which has been preceded by three others of a like character, settles down to business it will probably maintain its record by flushing the country with an endorsement of the Ocala platform and such new principles as may occur to its members, together with the usual urgent demand for an increase of filthy lucre. With all due deference for the opinions and principles of the seople's party, it may not be remise to suggest that principles a little less flavored and demands for a little less than the earth might by their modesty prove more attractive. Try it, gentlemen, it certainly cannot prejudice your cause.

Warrs the resignation of Mr. Reid acks confirmation there is but little doubt of his intention to abandon the gsy Parisian capital and resume his duties as editor of the New York Tribune. As minister to France he has advanced American interests, strengthened the cordial relation existing between the two countries and in all resects conducted himself as a worthy entative of a great nation. It is too early to predict Mr. Reid's successor, but there is no dearth of available timber in the republican ranks and whether it be J. S. Clarkson of Iowa, or John Wanamaker, or any of a score of others who might be named Mr. Reid's place will be ably filled and American stereste jeslously gus rded.

Twe Grant monument association of New York still maintains its being and rears its cotorie of towering intellects into the salty breeses which savor the odors arising from Castle Garden, but the world looks in vain for the class marble which shall herald the achievments of our greatest general to unborn generations. New York meme to be long in intentions and short in per-formance.

Post Riley should not court the Post Rizer should not court the divine afflatus so assistuously as to forget tailors' bills. A proper appreciation of the rights of our fellowmen is of the highest importance, and a disregard of these rights, not tong classed as postical license, is apt to bring unpicasent and vazatious reminders.

back in ony profession, there are in-futions on every hand that are open of amout bonds would be, at 45 per

he city new pays comothing like 1800 per year for rental of buildings there there are no achaels or whose soom is lacking, and that this sam will have to be increased in the near future if no new buildings are created.

Topay at 3 p. m. the junketo ngresomen will visit the Armo mission and afterwards attend a recep-tion tendered by the Press club of Chicago. The program as published does not include a visit to any of the churches, but of course our congress-men will not fail to attend church and inday school.

Ir might be a good thing if we prided ourselves a little more on our aucestry and our family connections. If family pride were a little stronger, such spec-tacles as the Brown will case presents would be less often exposed to the gase

WARD MCALLISTER has decided to cut New York's gilded circle down to 150. It might be interesting to know just how much longer the public will tolerate the antics of this maniferable

THE Prince of Wales is coming to visit Niagara Falls. If Edward displays his usual skill during his visit, he will probably own the plant when he goes away.

As THE visit of the congressmen to Chicago isn't in the nature of a funeral tour, it is expected that the delegation will keep tolerably sober.

LATE AMUSEMENTS.

Powers'-"Alabama."

Powers'—"Alabama."

The unfortunate pressure of matter compels but a moment's consideration of "Alabama," which held the hearts of an excellent audience at Powers' last night. It is easy to understand why people everywhere are proclaiming praises for this play. It is a play with the people and of the people. No Shakespeare, Dickens or any of the numberless romancers have succeeded in getting further into the hearts of the great constituency of this world than has Augustus Thomas in his poem of love in "Alabama." Who so firm that could not look upon this conflict of southern hearts without being seduced into sympathy. It was an impressive aermon bountiful in its lessons and deeply touching in that affiliation of nature which makes us all kiu. The characters are all typical of the clime in which the sction takes place. It is a play of today, a play that is successful hecause there is nothing that is forgotten, and people come to us whom we know and whose sympathies are ours. It is because "Alabamia" is near to us, dear to us, because all must be better for having seen it, that it is so successful. It is full of the priceless jewels of love. The cast was very strong. Mr. F. C. Bangs lived and breathed as old Col. Preston, a perfect southern gentleman who would not forget the unhappmess and misfortune of the war in his old age. Stella Teuton as Casey Preston was an natural as the flowers, ample, full of warmth, of sunshme and of innocence, who had no thought but to live in nature's happiness. The whole least deserves specific mention for fine and artistic work. Let "Alabama" live on forever, hearts are changed and bet-The unfortunate pressure of matter tic work. Let "Alabama" live istic work. Let "Alabama" live on orever, hearts are changed and bet-

IN HONOR OF ST. MARY.

The New Parochial School to be Opened Today.

St. Mary's new parochial school building will be duly dedicated this afternoon. The St. Joseph society and the different branches of the C. M. B. A. will meet at St. Joseph's casino at 1:30 and will start in procession at 2 to march to the residence of Bishop Richter on Sheldon street for the purpose of escorting him to the new school building. The line of march will extend to West Bridge street, where they will be joined by the Polish societies, thence through Bridge, Canal, Monroe and Sheldon streets. The procession will be headed by a band and William Drucke will act as marchal of the day. They will return to the school building about 4 o'clock where a dedicatory sermon will be delivered. The interior of the building has been beautifully decorated for the occasion with evergreens and flags. The building is completed ready for occupancy with the exception of placing the seats. This is expected to be done Monday and school will probably begin in the new building on Tuesday. afternoon. The St. Joseph society and

Died of Her Injuries.

Lizzie Maher, mention of whom was Lizzie Maher, mention of whom was made yesterday morning as being in a dangerous condition from injuries received from falling icicles, died yesterday morning. She was 10 years old, and was the daughter of Michael Maher ot No. 180 Jefferson street. The accident happened about two weeks ago, as she was stepping from the door. An icicle dropped from the roof and struck her on the head.

Advertising the City.

Grand Rapids is being thoroughly and effectively advertised by those who are working for the interests of the city and its industries. The Improvement board has since its organization sent out 16,000 pieces of mail matter, a large portion of which went to manufacturers. Responses to many of these circulars are now being received by the secretary.

Hurt in a Runaway.

About 8 o'clock yesterday morning, About 8 o'clock yesterday morning, Matthew McCarty had his arm badly hurt in a runaway. The ambulance carried him from the Fulton street crossing of the Lake Shore and Michigan Southern railroad to his brother's saloen, No. 61 South Division street, from which place he was taken to his home, corner of Stuart avenue and South Division street.

Contagion from German Hides. Loxpox, Feb. 20.—The official repor London, Feb. 20.—The official report of the Danish veterinarian on the recent outbreak in London of foot and mouth disease among cattle, extd to be from Denmark, concludes with the statement that it is not possible that the centagion was contracted in Denmark or absard ship and that it is probable that the cattle became infected in the Islington market. This report continue the view of the veterinarian attached to the American consulate in London that the germs of the disease were imported in raw hides from Germany, and is in accordance with the fact that suimals have been attacked in England which never cause in contact with Panish beasts.

The Memory of Washington's Birthday is Ever Green

HIS VIRTUES ARE EULOGIZED

And His Name Tousted by Go and Other Well Known Men. Patriotism Awshened.

In reply to the request for a justicate senti-ment for Washington's birth, Gov. Ladd, of Rhode Island, sent the following: The antiversary of the birthday of Washing-ton may well direct the attention of our youth to the example of a near whose position is es-tablished in history summy the great celdiers and the great statesmen of all time, and—which is of the highest value to us—he was a typical American.

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GOV. PATERIOR, OF PERFETTIVARIA.

Gov. Pattison, of Pennsylvania, repited thus.
Permit me to commend to your consideration
me of the thoughts expressed in his fareweit
iddress, which lay near his nobio heart, viz.
Promote, thus, as an object of primary imper
mace, institutions for the general diffusion of
moviledge. In proportion as the structure of
government gives force to public opinion, it is
meantial that public opinion should be enlight
and."

There is no face like it. Beaming

S.C.Willell

sentiment:

Washington—soldier, statesman, patriot—the great figure of the revolution. As we cherish his memory and celebrate each succeeding antiversary of his matalday, let it serve as a reminder that the perpetuity of the system of government, to the establishment of which his great taleuts contributed, can only be lasured by a strict adherence to the principles upon which it was founded.

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Gov. Chase, of Indiana, replied at length. He said:

If my boy should ask me for a rule of action in life that would unite him to God I would say to him: "Read the New Testament, my son, with great care."

After having perused it if he should cast about for an exemplification of its teachings, and were to ask for a perfect model. I could not point him to even a "beloved sportle," but would point him to Jesus Christ as the only model, perfect and complete.

So, if he were to ask me for a rule of life as an American citizen I should urgs him to study the Declaration of Independence and the constitution of the United States.

After he had passed an examination satisfactory to both of us and abould express a desire to be informed as to a perfect model of American citizenship, I could point to accres of men who would exemplify the claim and be entirely satisfactory to me in all respect, and yet I know they would not be acceptable to thousands of others, and so I would be forced to call his attention to one man, to whom no possible exception could be taken by soyens, north, south, east or west, and would say:

"My son, your model of true citizenship under our 'declaration of rights' must be George Washington, of whom it has been truly said that he was first in war, first in peace and first in the hearts of his countrymen."

GOV. FREET, of WARRINGTON.

GOV. Porry, of Washington, sends a strong sentiment, as follows:

At the close of the present century the United States will be the greatest and most powerful mation in the world. May the intelligence, virtue and patriotism of her citizens be commensurate with the greatness of the nation.

Arman M. Willey

SOV. SUCRAMAN, OF TRUMBOSEL.

Ellio H. Kohasto

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FROM A GRANDSON OF PATRICE HEST.

You ask for a sentiment for the birthday of Washington. I would respond that he was beyond doubt the Father of His Country. Without Washington at the head of the Continental army and his influence over congrass and in France our independence would not have been won; without his induence in the federal convention of 1757 the United States constitution would not have been appead on: without his influence over the states it would not have been adopted, and without his strong will and patriotic purpose it would in all probability have never been auccessfully launched. To him we are indebted for the inauguration of a policy distinctly American, under which we have had a truly great development. The more I study him the more I am impressed with his greatness. When we as a people cease to revere his memory we will have become unworthy of the free institutions be established for us in camp and council. Nor can we duly honce him except by taking as our chart his mobile and patriotic words and deeds.

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I believe Washington's birthday should have a more general and definite observance. It looks as if the celebration of the day were falling into demetude. Now, as much as any other time, we need the concentration of public attention on a figure in the world's history, associated with the most pregnant epoch in the development of the history of human liberty. Washington was peculiarly a man fitted for the admiration and veneration of posterity. In no other character of history whose life was crowned with glittering success was there such a combination of military sagestry, civil pride and patience in distress as in his.

here seems the more brilliant generation was the more brilliant generation as and the mother country to as a sermination as did Washington?

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POCHES OF A MOVEL IN CTRUMENT.

The Mysterious Restoration of Doefness By an Unseen Dovice-Old Theories Suc-

During the past few years there have

many attempts to use this knowledge have been such utter failures that I was considered beyond our present knowledge of the ear to make a practical instrument of the kind. Consequently when this device was first invented not much attention was given to the same, as it was thought to be in rely an old enemy in a new dress but gradually this eight prejudice was dispelled, until at the present time must physicians and aurists loof kindly upon the instrument and seez pleased at the success it is meeting.

At a recent interview, Mr. Water made the remarkable statement that, to huk knowledge, the device which he calle sound Disc, had never failed where rolled was afterward obtained by any medical, surgical or mechanical means excepting a powerful ear trumpet which he says is more powerful that his device. It would seem to be air in the car, out of sight, for months a a time, and, as far as we can learn, in pronounced safe and consfortable for the patient. Many times it has proved itself to be an advancement in the science of acoustics by relieving the most obstinate cases which had defied medical treatment for years.

What may be the uitimate result of the use of this device—whether the results thus far obtained will warrant its use in such a variety of cases that it will stop the progress of deafness it the future to such an extent that it will avoid the use of ear trumpets we can not say; but the desirability of a device of this lature, as regards its mafety, its benefits, and general comfort to the user, none will fail to admit.

Swins lambs wool rests worth \$1.25 gets.

Swiss lambs wool rests worth \$1.25 ge on the 25 cent counter at Kidder & Co's this week.

An Enjoyable Time
Is what the Protective Brotherhood association propose to have at their first entertainment to be held at tiermania hall, Wednesday evening February 24. They are sparing no expense in their preparations, and are determined to make the occasion a memorable one. The association may be and is young in years but they propose to see to it that their entertainment will have none of the ear marks of a hastely gotten up affair. Everyof a hastely gotten up affair. Everything has been carefully looked to, and this their first annual, will be simply A one. There are no tickets sold that cannot be vouched for, and the utmost care has been taken to have nothing objectionable to mar the festivities. The following is the program for the evening, which will be strictly carried out, and the five minutes' solid fiddling by Brother Nate Meeker will not be skipped. If you are in for a jolly time, don't miss connections, but buy

skipped. If you are time, don't nim coun your tickets at once.

GUITARS A large invoice of the celebrated Imperials has just arrived at Hartman's new music house on Ottawa street. Also a large line of Bay State and Washburn's. No one can compete in prices for the same line of instruments.

No matter what you want in dry goods, try Kulder's sais first.

Burglars Looked Out.

The State Bank of Michigan of Gree Rapids have bought of L. M. Cary of the celebrated Cary Safe Co.'s services safes, also one of their 22 Brauits making the finest outfit that of be made.

More and more people are be the Chase piano. Some one find every day that they have the intra-value in every line and fiber.



Refrequellle is said by all drapplets i by G. L. Hord & Co., Lowell, Mass